

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1 (original). A process for the preparation of a crystalline alkali metal salt of amoxycillin is provided, in which;

a suspension of an amine salt of amoxycillin is formed in a first organic solvent, the suspension is admixed with a second organic solvent and the amine salt is caused to enter solution in the so-formed mixture of first and second organic solvents, the amine salt is reacted with a salifying compound of the alkali metal, the so-formed alkali metal salt of amoxycillin is isolated from the solution as a crystalline product.

2 (original). A process according to claim 1 wherein the crystalline alkali metal salt of amoxycillin prepared by the process is crystalline sodium amoxycillin.

3 (original). A process according to claim 1 wherein the amine salt of amoxycillin is a triethylamine, diethylamine or diisopropylamine salt of amoxycillin.

4 (previously presented). A process according to claim 1 wherein the first organic solvent is a (C 1-5) alkyl (C 1-5) alkanoate ester.

5 (previously presented). A process according to Claim 4 wherein the (C 1-5) alkyl (C 1-5) alkanoate ester is methyl acetate.

6 (original). A process according to claim 1 wherein the suspension of the amine salt is formed by first forming a suspension of amoxycillin trihydrate in the first solvent then

admixing the amine with this suspension so that the amine reacts with the amoxycillin to form the amine salt.

7 (previously presented). A process according to claim 1 wherein the second organic solvent is (C1-5) alcohol.

8 (previously presented). A process according claim 7 wherein the (C1-5) alcohol is methyl alcohol.

9 (original). A process according to claim 1 wherein the salifying compound is a sodium salt of an organic compound.

10 (previously presented). A process according claim 9 wherein the salifying compound is a sodium salt of a (C1-5) alcohol or a salt of a (C1-5) carboxylic acid.

11 (original). A process according to claim 8 wherein the salifying compound is sodium 2-ethylhexanoate.

12 (original). A process according to claim 1 wherein the reaction of the amine salt is carried out by admixing the solution of the amine salt with a solution of the salifying compound.

13 (original). A process according to claim 10 wherein the salifying compound is in solution in a solvent mixture which comprises the first and second organic solvents.

14 (original). A process according to claim 13 wherein the solvent mixture is a methyl acetate : methanol mixture comprising predominantly methyl acetate.

15 (original). A process according to claim 12 wherein the solution of the amine salt is added to the solution of the salifying compound.

16 (cancelled)

17 (new) A process for the preparation of crystalline sodium amoxycillin is provided, in which;

a suspension of an amine salt of amoxycillin selected from a triethylamine, diethylamine or diisopropylamine salt, which is formed in a first organic solvent which is methyl acetate;

the suspension is admixed with a second organic solvent which is methyl alcohol and the amine salt is caused to enter solution in the so-formed mixture of first and second organic solvents,

the amine salt is reacted with a salifying compound of the alkali metal,

the so-formed sodium amoxycillin is isolated from the solution as a crystalline product.

18 (new). A process according to claim 17 wherein the salifying compound is sodium 2-ethylhexanoate.

19 (new). A process according to claim 17 wherein the suspension of the amine salt is formed by first forming a suspension of amoxycillin trihydrate in the first solvent then admixing the amine with this suspension so that the amine reacts with the amoxycillin to form the amine salt.

20 (new). A process according to claim 17 wherein the salifying compound is in solution in a solvent mixture which comprises the first and second organic solvents.

21 (new). A process according to claim 20 wherein the solvent mixture is a methyl acetate : methanol mixture comprising predominantly methyl acetate.

22 (new). A process according to claim 17 wherein the solution of the amine salt is added to the solution of the salifying compound.